of Commerce would meet in Dhaka by the middle of October, 2003 to begin negotiations on a bilateral Free Trade Agreement.

(b) Yes, Sir

(c) During the India-Bangladesh JEC Meeting held in Dhaka on July 14-15, 2003, the Bangladesh side requested the Indian side to facilitate investment in several specified prospective areas.

(d) The problems relating to India's joint ventures with Bangladesh, as and when reported, are taken up for resolution. During the last India-Bangladesh JEC meeting also, India stressed the need for expeditious resolution of problems in order to generate further confidence among the Indian investors.

Export of spices

2710. SHRI SURENDRA LATH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the different kinds of spices being exported from the country;

(b) the amount earned by this export during the last three years; and

(c) the States from where these spices are procured?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) Major spice items exported from the country include Pepper, Cardamom (Small), Cardamom (Large), Chilli, Ginger, Turmeric, Coriander, Cumin, Celery, Fennel, Fenugreek, Garlic, Nutmeg & Mace, Vanilla, Mint oil, Spice oils and Oleoresins etc.

(b) Export realisation during the last three years is as follows :-

Year	Amount (Rs. crores)
2000-01	1833.53
2001-02	1625.35
2002-03	1790.00

Source: Spices Board

(c) Major spice supplying States for export are Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan and Punjab.